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## Somalia

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to this country due to COVID-19, crime, terrorism, civil unrest, health issues, kidnapping, and piracy. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country and during the length of their entire visit. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

Mogadishu, Somalia (reopened October 2019 on the grounds of the Mogadishu Airport); US citizens may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the embassy in Kenya; [254] (20) 363-6000; US Embassy Nairobi, United Nations Avenue Nairobi, PO Box 606 Village Market, 00621 Nairobi, Kenya

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

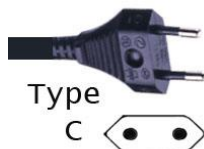
Principally desert; northeast monsoon (December to February), moderate temperatures in north and hot in south; southwest monsoon (May to October), torrid in the north and hot in the south, irregular rainfall, hot and humid periods (tangambili) between monsoons

### Currency (Code)

Somali shillings (SOS)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C



### Major Languages

Somali, Arabic, Italian, English

### Religions

Sunni Muslim

### Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Mogadishu; cave art of Laas Geel; Hargeisa; sea beaches of Berbera; Kismayo National Park
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	The left hand is considered unclean and should not be used for shaking hands.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping is not obligatory. For exceptional service, an additional tip is always welcome. Hotels and restaurants tend to include a tip of 5-10%, but luxury hotels and high-end restaurants may charge 10-15% of the total bill in the form of a service charge.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	252
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Local numbers only

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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